THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) National Guidelines on Hospital Waste Management were prepared and circulated to States and Union Territories by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in March, 2002. These guidelines have been prepared to enable hospitals to implement the Bio-Medical (Management and Handling) Rules, 1988 notified under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, by developing comprehensive plans for segregation, collection, treatment, transportation and disposal of the hospital waste.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also developed in April, 2007 operational guidelines as instruction manuals for healthcare workers at primary level healthcare facilities *i.e.* Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Sub-Centres to facilitate waste management and infection control.

Health being a State subject, such information is not centrally maintained. As far as Central Government Hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi and Lady Harding Medical College and its associated hospitals, New Delhi are concerned, strict adherence to Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 is maintained while disposing of hospital waste material.

**Doubled rate of child mortality in Delhi**

†3097. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in capital-Delhi infant mortality rate has doubled during last five year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of beds per thousand persons at hospitals in a capital; and

(d) whether the hospitals in the capital are able to implement the standards suggested by the World Health Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No. As per the information received from the Government of Delhi, the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in Delhi as per the Sample Registration Survey (SRS) is as follows:—

| Year | IMR |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| 2000 | 32 |
| 2001 | 29 |
| 2003 | 28 |

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| 1 | 2 |
|---|---|
| 2004 | 32 |
| 2005 | 35 |
| 2006 | 37 |
| 2007 | 36 |

(c) and (d) As per information received from Government of Delhi, it is 2.2 beds per 1000 population in Delhi as against the national average of 1 bed per 1000 population. There are no global norms because the number of beds required is based on multiple criteria such as admissions, average length of stay, average occupancy rate etc.

**Salary disbursement according to the Sixth Pay Commission recommendations**

†3098. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all employees of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi are getting their salaries on the basis of recommendations made by the Sixth Central Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the time since when the said pay scales have been implemented;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Assistant Professors of this institute are not being given pay scales on the above basis; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and by when they will get their dues?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) All the employees serving in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi except faculty staff are being paid salaries as per the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission ***w.e.f.*** 01.01.2006. Since pay scales, allowances and conditions of service of faculty staff serving in AIIMS, including Assistant Professors, are not similar to that of Central Government employees, a Group of Officers/Committee was set up in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) to examine the proposals for revision of pay scales etc. of faculty staff in terms of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance's OM No. 7/23/2008-EIII(A) dated 30.09.2008. The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

However, as an interim measure of relief, *ad-hoc* increased salary matching to those recommended by the Sixth Central Pay Commission is being paid to faculty staff, including Assistant Professors, except 18 faculty members who refused to accept increased *ad-hoc* salary.

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